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NOTE FOR: Richard K. Willard
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SUBJECT: Your Testimony Before the House Post Office and
Civil Service Subcommittee on Civil Service on
29 February re H.R. 4681

Richard,

1. Your testimony has been sent to us by OMB for our views. As we are required to do, we have sent it to concerned CIA components and we are awaiting their responses. I can reasonably anticipate, however, that we will forward no objections to OMB.

2. Having said that, I hope you will not take amiss if I make a couple of suggestions. I think Representative Schroeder might take umbrage at your second sentence, as presently crafted, that the leaks debate has "...removed any doubt as to the harm..." I also drew the inference in your statement that you are still defending NSDD 84. While we all agree that NSDD 84 represented a reasonable effort to fix a problem, it has become so emotion-laded that it is probably better to down-play it. Perhaps a mention of the NSDD ought to be limited to the statement that the Administration will no longer pursue it now. The point that I personally would like to see emphasized in your statement is that the Brooks Bill throws out the baby with the bath water. By outlawing the polygraph and prepublication review throughout the Government (except here and NSA), this legislation will cause things to happen which could not have been intended; i.e., to outlaw these two devices for all purposes. What is particularly troublesome, of course, is the outlawing of polygraph as a screening device for access. I know this is primarily a DoD problem at this time, but in reality it is everybody's problem.


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